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Threat of faculty strike remains

By CHRIS KATZ

Negotiations between Ontario's 24 colleges and the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) are set to continue through the winter break.

On Nov. 26, the two sides met for a day of negotiations with additional meetings set for Dec. 14 and 15. Important issues in the negotiations include faculty workload and input into evaluation methods.

"Our president has been negotiating for a long time," said former headmaster and president of OPSEU Local 937 "The important conditions we are working on are not going to be resolved for many months."

Negotiations broke down on Nov. 12 and on Nov. 18 the colleges introduced a new contract, which has not been supported by OPSEU. The union says it will hold a strike vote in the new year if no resolution is reached. OPSEU

represents 3,000 faculty members across the province.

In a Dec. 3 press release OPSEU said it has renewed its position and tabled an offer with a smaller wage increase than that proposed by the colleges. However, the contract would be for three years, not four years as the colleges are proposing.

"They are tabled an offer that is affordable and which should have been acceptable to us well within the range of other public sector union agreements. There should be no problem to an agreement," said Ted Montgomery, chair of the OPSEU negotiating team. "The good news for students is that as long as negotiations continue, a strike will not take place."

"It is not agreed for the union to call for a strike now," said John Tishler, past chair of Ontario College Students' Association. "We are hoping to resolve this as soon as possible."

HELIX STILL ROCKING 35 YEARS LATER



Photo by David Harrison

Helix, a longtime rock & roll band, played for a special concert at Midy Theatre in Sudbury on Nov. 27. The group, which is best known for its 1974 hit song "Rock on the Beach," was just wrapped up an audition and signed Ontario tour. Brian Vallance, seated, is the only original member still playing. The band began in 1974.

HIGH-FIVE FOR FAMILY FELD SUCCESS



Photo by Chris Katz

Students celebrated a winning round while playing family feud in the cafeteria on Nov. 24. See Page 7 for story and more photos.

Students protest rising tuition fees

By MICHAEL MUIR

Tuition fees are getting higher, while student supply seems to be drying up.

On Nov. 3, students at post-secondary education held a public protest against escalating tuition costs and a declining quality of post-secondary education.

"Students are struggling to pay the highest fees in Canada while facing the worst youth unemployment in the world," said John Tishler, past chair of Ontario College Students' Association, chairperson of the Ontario chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Auditory fees are the worst. Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty first made a promise in 2003 to put a freeze on tuition fees across the province. "We are now allowing Ontario universities to raise tuition fees through the back door and slash your own university's quality."

That promise was broken in

2006 when he cancelled the freeze and tuition fees went up eight per cent per year.

Today, college auditory fees average \$871 per student or 28 per cent of total student fees.

These fees have been used by colleges and university administrators to raise salaries by chopping additional fees outside of the established tuition fee framework. These fees have been applied to the cost of enhancing the cultural, social and recreational life of students, including providing gym, pub, counselling and medical services.

"We are hoping that the demand to drop fees, coming from thousands of professors and many many more who have unpaid positions, will be hard to ignore," said Tishler.

The Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations is the voice of 10,000 university faculty and staff across Ontario. They recently con-

ducted a poll and 90 per cent of respondents wanted post-secondary education spending to be included in an annual wage index package. This would mean more money from the federal government.

As of January 2009, money owed to students and grants was to the Ontario Student Loan Program was more than \$12 billion. This amount doesn't include the additional \$3 billion owed through OSAP.

McGuinty believes the money you have to spend to get an education today is outrageous. "It's ridiculous," when McGuinty is saying the same way as in a democracy, but changes to increase tuition fees," she said.

Students brought in their first semester of post-secondary education contracts on Nov. 16.

That information comes in the budget and auditory fees. "Canadian students do have a right to a quality education," said McGuinty.

Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What is your favourite Christmas TV special and why?



"The Grinch with his Ugly Christmas Card. I like the little girl in it, she's really funny and I like how they do their scenes."

Megan Davies,
second year
accounting

"National Lampoon's
Christmas Vacation. I love
that movie. It's so funny."

Shelton Blaney,
second year
business administration
administration



"The Grinch With Ugly Christmas Card. I love that movie. It's so funny."

Shelly Williams,
first year
early childhood education



"National Lampoon's
Christmas Vacation. It's
funny. It's a good comedy."

Jeff Krueger,
second year
industrial engineering



"National Lampoon's
Christmas Vacation. It's
like a family tradition to
watch it every year. Plus it's
hilarious."

Katie Koster,
first year
early childhood education



"National Lampoon's
Christmas Vacation. We
watched it every year. It's
funny."

Brandon Powers,
first year
electrical engineering
technology



Stolen Christmas, you could receive food, employment

Restaurant a smoking success

by STEVE GORDON

One much publicized Christmas story is how a small town in Ontario and a few of its daughters college projects has resulted in a successful success story.

Hot Tails Bar B Q was at 111 Lakeshore Dr. in Waterloo, a new restaurant/cafeteria and making business featuring a commercial kitchen, but its grand opening on Nov. 18.

At the event the Gorgans family served up the party treats of a long journey that started when father, Chris "The General" Gorgan, bought his first smoker in Houston.

"When we start talking about it we realize how out-planned and long it has been," said father, daughter, Shanna Gorgan, a Conestoga graduate. "We all think it happened so quickly from being a dream to being a reality, but there was talk about it and it's like, Oh my god, this has been 10 years in the making."

For years The General travelled throughout the southern United States on his Harley Davidson motor cycle checking out the best barbecue and pork joints that were long in the barbecue business around his own restaurant.

When he returned north to the border he brought the southern flavor of slowly smoked meat with him and shared it with his family which includes his wife Cathy and three kids as well as friends.

It went from family and friends to people we didn't even know wanting to be eating" smoke Shanna.

"In fact as we got that smoker it was like, OK, now we have to do something with it." And Chris Gorgan, a retired police lieutenant, makes barbecue management his part in Conestoga.

The college cooking and family tradition, offered from father to son, as when Chris told his family to offer, supply them and send into the college bus, business full time work.



Photo by Steve Gordon

The Gorgans acquired a fully equipped bar for the "big pork" party during the grand opening of Hot Tails Bar B Q.

has with. He started entering competitions and doing well against the top boys from the barbecue hot spots in the U.S. Three days he also always place at the top 5 at an incredibly competition.

"He proved to himself he could do it. It is a real of heart without the paper," said Shanna.

Hot Tails Bar B Q was created within the Gorgans family from backyard family fun to a family-run catering business. But the money was needed from a second year food and beverage program that had Shanna drive a place to open Hot Tails Bar B Q as a restaurant.

Chris's project as Conestoga created the grand opening celebration.

Shanna still has the one rule that upon featuring the motorcycle riding long legs on the front cover that was now be north on the business' signage, menus and serving vehicles.

It involves showing it to him and he read it with a star in his eye, yes, he was, because it was really, having him, he has, said Shanna.

It was exactly what he wanted, added Chris.

And it may be even by what

Waterloo food lovers have been looking for.

"Our ribs are huge. They are two and a half pounds and less than \$15 for a whole meal," said Shanna. The restaurant's theme is "slow, smoke and barbecue" but the barbecue is better, pulled pork, chicken and brisket.

It was just the size of the portions but the slow smoked method of cooking that has earned Hot Tails Bar B Q a popular customer already.

We smell like smoke all the time," laughed Chris. But it's not so much better than your grill."

Twenty five years later, Hot Tails Bar B Q is the result of a family sharing a passion and working together to turn a dream into a reality. With the help of a couple of projects completed here at Conestoga by the Gorgans, that reality is turning into a success.

Conestoga helped me to reach everything I've dreamed I want to help open the restaurant. I will help you and my dream, this is the future through a life when you are going to school for it and you'll say, "well Shanna, I can't even tell you how much my program has paid off."

EXPERIMENTAL



Events from CSI are a hit

By STACY FALCONER

It is time to give credit where credit is due. Conestoga (and other) has been put on events that your average not only do first year students to try to get them involved but also to the entire student population.

And they have done a fabulous job.

First off they offered a great concert along with Elements nightclub, keeping that Lady Prince in town. Within the first month of school there were scheduled up and running with information on how to get tickets at CSI.

When a way to start the year.

They also held the very popular Taps Party and

In addition to this, CSI supports worthwhile causes such as the United Way, helping the Conestoga campaign surpass its \$50,000 goal.

there is something for everyone at Conestoga.

In addition to this, CSI supports worthwhile events such as the United Way, supporting the development of clubs and providing monetary support, and holds various programs to make awareness about certain issues. These have included a dedication of cultural diversity, a drug and alcohol abuse prevention day and the Get Involved Run.

It seems that this year CSI is going all out trying to ensure Conestoga students have their time here.

With the fall semester coming to a close, students can look forward to a new semester of CSI activities. We hope to see everyone out at the events.

The news items represented the position of the newspaper, not necessarily the author.

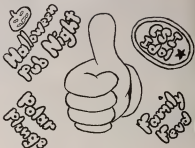
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Holidays and the single player

There are two times every year that being single really gets to me: the holiday season and the loneliness of February.

Months where you that you need to spend time with your special someone, to break girls upon them. But what if you don't have that special someone? What if you spend your evenings alone, with nothing to keep you company but the soft hum of a video game console, the warm glow of your television and the shaped plastic of your controller?

For those of us out there who do this occasionally, fear not. It seems as though video game developers realize our dilemma, and have made the holiday season a game's dream come true. Most big name titles will release just in time for the holidays. For one, this helps fill the void of being single. How can you worry about having a girl friend when you must play a multiplayer game with a party



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of newcomers, protect the world from terrorists or win Leonardo da Vinci's final machine to end in destruction.

If you don't pick up any of this season's big releases yet, you may want to hold off on your Christmas shopping. Think Friday had many reasons for being a video game price developer to make games into their stars. If you missed out on this American holiday, don't worry. Canadian gamers will get their chance next week. Having said that, let's look at some of the big releases and Toys R Us for the holidays. I can only tell you a that if you have the patience to wait until next before or just after

Christmas, you will find yourself with a incredible deal. I can also tell you that if you want to remain a happy and joyful person, do NOT wait at Toys R Us in December! Boxes the lines and you could even find yourself leaving new games for half price, getting bonus games with any system you buy, or taking other away deals. The above-mentioned Wii Games and Toys R Us are known for this, as well as Future Shop and Wal-Mart.

As with the cheap women of Hollywood, there for the short-term, many releases of almost any action or role playing game for you (and) will never be able to fill that void of being single, at least the video game developers have given us a way to spend all of our time and money. It's a way to enjoy a single player in today's world. Now if only they could find a way to make Valentine's Day less lonely.

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Warning: Assassins Creed II causes addiction

By **STEADY PALMER**

Something happened to me this weekend that hasn't happened since Nov. 19, 2007 — the day that *Assassins Creed* first entered my realm. Instantly, my vacation home and home (as, and still, nothing compared to the town or manor I spent on *World of Warcraft*).

Assassins Creed II recently came out and I found myself forgetting work and not moving from my bed for hours. It was no longer an addiction that involved me sitting at my console in the living room playing a video game. It had become a special occasion where I brought my Xbox 360 to my room so I could lounge in my bed while becoming a modern-day Renaissance Man who frequently became Italian children in Florence on a mission of the 16th century.

After playing a solid 12 hours of *Assassins Creed II*, I was at the perfect place to stop for the night. So I decided to take a step back after finishing a last journey where I followed a dyslexic guard, unaccompanied him and stole his cargo along with his identity. I then had to create the next character where I incorporated a student Spaniard and I was off to become the Italian Boy, known as Ego Alexander VI, the actual antagonist.

Putting the control in my hands I made sure my game was

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saved and turned off my Xbox. It was about 4 a.m. when I finally awoke. I knew it would be the perfect place to begin the morning. So I gave into my excitement from a day full of wonder, tension and jumping from rooftop to rooftop.

I woke up several more, took a quick shower and decided it was a prime time to begin my second day of *Assassins Creed II*. Turning on my Xbox, I thought, "Grip, this must get hot." My first idea was to move the Man from the horizontal position to the vertical so I did. Instantly I sensed my desk was being scratched noticeably. In response I pushed open my window to the cold.

Almost in tears (temporarily), I grabbed my computer and began searching the Internet for ways to make characters go faster. I spent the next 10 minutes trying to find modifiable cheats, a program.

When I was back in my bed with my system on and enough time to let me catch later that night when my roommate returned to the perfect spot of the cold in bed playing video games.

deeply used the desk at least another 10 times — top, up and playing. It would work as well. It didn't.

I threw money on my loan making it truly enough money to destroy the same layer. I reached I had five minutes and the next bus to Florence was, so I slipped through my regular making routine grabbed 20 \$100 bills and ran with my Visa card and went to bed.

I spent the entire bus ride thinking in my thoughts. Upon entering Ego Games I became aware that I would have to confront a group of male gamers about my actively destroyed *Assassins Creed II* CD, revealing my other top — the third.

Basically I threw down my game, explained I scratched the hell out of it and needed another way to last in position so I could catch the next bus home and illustrate myself in this century. Once they looked at me a bit oddly but after examining over the game they understood. I was given a discount. For the second desk and only had to pay 100 more points to the regular game of 500 000 plus one. I was back to the last stop. For my expense home within 30 minutes.

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Gifts that won't break the bank

By **STEADY PALMER**

If you are starting to get ready for Christmas, the thought of what you want to get your boyfriend or girlfriend may be emerging now. We are still in the same boat, even. Family members are wondering what to get each other. Every year as your friends and family grow, their interests change and mature in the same time.

Right now college students are expected to know how to save and budget. For the things they need. Then consider the items such as rent, groceries and tuition along with monthly expenses such as cable, Internet, cell phone or Xbox Live.

There's actually not a lot of money at the end of the month. However, the dilemma my young adults shared that it felt like their worst enemy was money.

"I like flowers. Maybe I'm just a lone person who likes them," said Mercedes Rivera, a freshman Spanish major at the University of Georgia. She had been struggling all day shopping for her family in the Thruway mall. "I don't think a lot of people like flowers. But I like them. A present should be given to someone that reminds you of the other person."

When you're new to saving money, having enough to go around at Christmas may

become an ordeal. Try to cut down some of the spending money for gifts and start buying new. Later presents can make a great one package for the important people in your life.

"An CD would be cool," said Kevin's boyfriend, Josh. Josh lives in Miami. "Something funky like Martin Luther King would. It's a very nice band."

You may not want to take the romantic route with chocolate, flowers and jewelry. But think along the lines of a gift that your friends and family can enjoy over and over, such as home improvement gifts or something to accompany a hobby of theirs.

"I don't know. I really just want to spend time with my loved ones," said Chelsea Winkler, a part-time English student from Sonoma. But "I'm never around home now so I put this in place a day for all of us to go out and spend time together. Even a nice night in with the boyfriend."

Everyone will have 17 days until Christmas, so get a headstart on your shopping. Plan a day away with your friends or family or even make a nice dinner and give a bouquet of flowers for your girlfriend. Anything that will put a smile on their face and make the holiday something to remember.

CARDBOARD BOAT DOES LITTLE TO HELP LITTER



PHOTO BY CHRIS JENSEN

A boat from the Old Florida Festival disappeared near the shores of the Chesapeake pond. The amount of litter around the pond is increasing and becoming an eyesore.

This show was hypnotic

By BART BRADEN

They say the 2005 hypno had, did not disappoint anyone who attended last night Nov. 29 in the Student Union. Students were promised a night full of fun, with people doing the most ridiculous things once subjects are in their right mind, would do as long as they were hypnotized.

The show, which was written and by TBL, began with Lee showing off his considerable prowess, loosening up the whole crowd, so he could later hypnotize a few select audience members. He first did it in order to see which audience members could be hypnotized. If you found your hands stuck together at the end of the routine you were one of the unlucky few who found themselves outside for the rest of the show.

For the next hour Lee made each volunteer do every embarrassing act including saying over a fellow you being killed, kidnapping and many other weird acts. But perhaps the best part of the show was the end when the show stars left the Student Union and went outside. Lee gave the audience an instruction that they would not remember anything that happened until they were outside in the fresh air. Watching the final experience of those people when their memories came back was priceless.

"I laughed my ass off, it was so entertaining," said Scott Campbell, a first-year student.

It was really good, even one should see it," added David Conway, a first-year media communication student.



PHOTO BY DAVID BRADEN

Top left, hypnotist Tory Lee, who entertained students at Concoctions on Nov. 29 in the Student Union, had hypnotized students perform sexual acts on stage.

Below, he is in the club that they are in.

Below: Concoctions students perform sexual acts while hypnotized. Below left, hypnotized students give audience members a lap dance.

Left, Lee makes a hypnotized student say after telling her he had asked her to do this.



CSI family feud a hit with students

By CHRIS BART

What have you lost more than once over?

What do you neglect while on love?

Have a place where getting ready is an advantage?

If you were able to answer these questions quickly, you would have made a great contestant in a family feud game held on campus.

by

A friend in class came up to me and said "I signed you up for the family feud."

— Lisa Martin

by

The teams of five students squared off Nov. 24 in a game of family feud, hosted by University Students Inc. "You've never read questions before that include survey of 100 people, with the top five answers being recorded by you."

With questions such as "what do you neglect while in love?" and "have something you wish you could do faster?" answers were cut above the rest, but were certainly water-tight.

The event took place in the

Secretary of state, and was attended by dozens of students who cheered and attempted to help teams with the questions.

With names like the Commencement Ballroom and the Design Cafe, teams were ready and competitive.

Most students signed up voluntarily, while others had a more interesting route to the stage.

"A friend in class came up to me and said 'I signed you up for the family feud,'" said Lisa Martin, a third-year graphic design student and member of the Design Cafe team.

Due to an odd number of teams, one team was covered spontaneously after CSI president Theresa Keenan requested volunteers to form a team. Within seconds five students appeared on stage and were ready to play.

In the final round, Team Chilly faced the Family Feud Team in the most exciting round of the game.

Both teams were competitive, answering quite a few quickly and correctly.

In the end, the Family Feud Team came out on top and was awarded \$1,000 in cash and other prizes.



Photo by Chris Bart

Several design students competed in a game of family feud in the CSI in the Secretary



Photo by Chris Bart

One of the six teams competing celebrates a winning round.



Photo by SARAH HICKMAN

Fourteen other students (see students, Linda Swartz, All the Climb and All the Love) were participants in a family game of bingo held by CSI in the Secretary Nov. 27.

Bingo has sexy twist

By SARAH HICKMAN

This wasn't your ordinary game of bingo. Instead of a quiet hall, with people sheepishly searching for matching letters and numbers, Commencement Student Inc. brought "BingoSexy" was full of students laughing and celebrating.

Appropriately titled Sexy Bingo students gathered in Nov. 27 to play the wilder game of bingo and win sexy prizes with friends during their lunch break.

There were multiple games held while most lines of questions for students to win.

"It was a very sexual game of Sexy Bingo and I had a lot of fun," said Tara Hermet, the event co-sponsor for CSI.

In bingo there is a caller who yells out a letter and number after which players who have a match stamp their card. In the original game the person who fills a full line on their card yells "BINGO!"

In the sexy version students had to yell out a

naughty word when they made a full line.

Students were laughing while having a great time and the passionate co-sponsor of the CSI Contests, a first-year student in police administration brought over more results than to the game.

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"The game was very, very sexy and I really enjoyed it," said Corbin.

The bingo winners got to take home sexual games which included gift cards and other prizes that were purchased from a local Sex Shop. First condoms were also available to all students throughout the game.

Going solo

BY LISA MURPHY

When Brenda Henderson's children first asked out their last boy on speed dial for all of those late evening questions you wouldn't think it was before midnight, much as it has had him in the bridge for five days now. I still ask it, or how do I get rid of this book?

Embarassed with questions she hopes to write them down, and developed a quack. It was originally designed for her son's roommate and Brenda began referring to it, also as a read and published the book titled Going Solo.

It covers everything from how to clean a toilet and how long hot baths in the bridge in a whole chapter dedicated to laundry. "I was surprised when my son would call and ask for advice when doing laundry. It would have never occurred to me not to wash a sweater and put it in the dryer. The book covers how to remove stains like ink and red wine or blood, but as Brenda said, if you have to get blood out of your clothes, you've got more problems than laundry," she said.

As one item, Henderson advised a sexual harassment and wanted to a harassment restraining order, so she has a small section on sexual care. She and Brenda were married in a small, unassuming ceremony. So, after she has a small section on sexual care. She and Brenda were married in a small, unassuming ceremony. So, after she has a small section on sexual care.

"Last year a friend of mine felt nervous and joined out from first to the kitchen," Henderson's daughter, Alice said. "Her boyfriend heard the third and discovered she had knocked out her teeth. Remembering the tip he had read in Going Solo, he took her teeth, placed it in milk and took her to the hospital. Thanks to his quick thinking and Going Solo she was able

to have her original teeth reattached."

The book also includes help for information about making food and eating dining. "The chapter on how to cook rice came out of an experience with a roommate who made fried rice," said Henderson. "She tried it but neglected to cook it first. It was now fried rice."

The chapter also includes on how to get vegetables, often helpful tips such as if in doubt, throw it out. explains how much vegetables to eat, translates the daunting eating terminology and provides a basic kitchen tool list.

The book also covers how long it's best not to be kept on the bridge and all these little things that run through parents' heads when they find out their children have a problem.

"Information that I think is especially important for young women to know is that taking substances with birth control makes the pill ineffective while you are on the substance and for seven days after," said Henderson, who produced the Conestoga College's moving camera. With that health ground knowledge she also covers a lot of female related issues in the book.

Going Solo can be purchased on the website www.going-solo.com for \$19.95 plus shipping costs.

"I am putting up the apartment checklist because, like will be nervous to look the apartment shortly after the holidays. There are certain things to look for and look out for like if it's all hardwood flooring and you are on a really old place and you are paying children, it's going to cost you a fortune," said Henderson.

"The book is almost like having your aunt around. Although it will give you a hug, it will also make you aware of your problems, making your day a whole lot easier," said Alice.

Introducing the Conestoga College Park Card

This easy-to-use alternative to carrying coins allows you to pre-load funds to pay for parking at hourly metered spaces or to use the convenience of the Daily Pay & Display.

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WHEN DATING TURNS DANGEROUS

Stalking

Stalking is a crime that happens on college campuses more often than is the general perception. Stalking is not a single event but a pattern of actions that makes the person being targeted frightened and controlled. Over time these actions may become more aggressive and dangerous, a progression known as Escalation.

Actions that constitute stalking may include:

- Repeated telephone calls, letters, or e-mails
- Sending unwanted gifts (e.g. flowers)
- Showing up uninvited at places the target frequents (e.g. class, work, entertainment)
- Stalking and
- Following, watching, tracking
- Threatening harm to the person being stalked, family or friends
- Threatening or harming pets



For more information on what this behavior means, please contact the Campus Security Office, Campus Police, 225-1100 or 225-1100, or the Police.

You may need support in dealing with the stress of being stalked. Conestoga's site provides the Counseling Office, Guelph Campus, Room 1A101, 766-6220 or 2250 Guelph Campus, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1 or 766-6220 or 2250 Guelph Campus, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1.

Information on community support is available through your Counseling Office. Your concerns are confidential.

HITTING THE ICE FOR SOME WINTER FUN



Photo by Lisa Murphy

Alpha College has been the first-year and soon Alpha has to share it with the West End Community Centre in Guelph on Nov. 25. The new public skating rink is open from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 3:30 p.m. and \$2.00 for ages 4-12, \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for seniors.



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Week of Dec. 1-2000



Aries

March 21 - April 19

At some point this week you will be mistaken for a cat and no earth will not be allowed in the bathroom. You will get sprayed with water.



Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You will make a great deal of money this week selling jewelry. Twilight meditation. The centers will not be for every penny of profits.



Gemini

May 21 - June 21

On Wednesday you will receive an e-mail. They will have a picnic attack because they are afraid of getting a cold and will give you.



Cancer

June 22 - July 22

On Monday you will accidentally step on the tail of a police dog. You will be financially charged with manufacturing an officer. Good luck on exam.



Leo

July 23 - August 22

On Thursday a telemarketer person from Transylvania will thank you repeatedly if you cannot verbally deliver him. I advise looking the letter.



Virgo

August 23 - September 22

On a weekday a short woman in high heeled shoes will make you like will likely have mistaken you for someone else.



Nick Dazio is a second-year journalism student who makes these up for your amusement.



Libra

September 23 - October 22

On the weekend, a horse will defecate on one of your legs. They let it run your weekend like it rained your leg and no contents.



Scorpio

October 23 - November 21

On Sunday you will slip on a banana peel. This will lead to a minor or dispatch money and the release of the Three Stages are you.



Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21

This week you will receive an e-mail. They will have a picnic attack because they are afraid of getting a cold and will give you.



Capricorn

December 22 - January 19

At some point on the weekend a bald man will challenge you to a game of Go Fish. Beware, as he is a card shark who plays with a marked deck.



Aquarius

January 20 - February 18

You will get a terrible paper cut under one of your superman like work. About every time that are just good and bad.



Pisces

February 19 - March 20

This week you will learn it's better to talk to your restaurant server rather than just poorly tipping her if something's not right.

AskMe answers questions about the college

By MICHA FRANK

Answers to questions about College. College are at your fingertips.

Every web page on the college website has an AskMe link that looks like a large button. Anyone who wants a question answered about the college can type it at and get an answer. All questions are answered either by a direct response or a link that provides more information. If there is no information available for the question, an email option is made available.



Theresa Watts is the main area of operations services at the college and she works behind the scenes of AskMe. If questions asked do not have an automated answer, she will go through them and determine which ones are worth adding.

"The more questions asked, the better it becomes," Watts said.

AskMe launched in May 1998 and since then has received more than 141,000 questions.

Female Hester is the chair of the customer service committee at Coppin and she thinks AskMe is a great information tool for both students and employees.

"It alleviates some of the stress of finding information," Hester said.

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Badminton team expects a good season

BY STEVEN WONG

Can the Golden Hawks' badminton team reach its Number 1 destiny?

They all like to think so. Especially the badminton team.

"I want to improve," said James Wong, a first semester student at Conestoga College. "We want to try to make playoffs too."

Wong would like to see his team at least make the top five. "There are a lot of good teams. Number 10 is the best. They're really good and they have the money too."

Hamilton's population is in the tens of thousands while Conestoga is around 5,000. The vast difference in population means more people show up for the Number 10 team and, thus, they have more talent to choose from.

Tony Purkis is in his fifth year as a badminton coach, with three of them being at an amateur level.

"We had 41 students show up at the tryouts and we kept 12," said Purkis, adding it

was a good turnout for Conestoga.

He said badminton is a sport that you need to play a lot to keep on top.

"You have to play four or five times a week just to keep up."

James Wong, 18, is a third year electrical technology student and Wong can play at club in the area. Wong plays at Waterloo and Wong used to play at a recreational league. Wong is a member on the team.

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show up at the tryouts...

— Tony Purkis

"I don't play at lunch time, but I want to play at my high school. Nothing too competitive, but it was just somewhere I could play for fun."

The biggest motivation is something new for Wong, but for example it.

"It's a bit harder but I like the responsibility. It's stress, and you play better people so you improve more."



PHOTO BY STEVE WONG

James Wong and the rest of the badminton team are looking forward to competing against all comers including the top boys from Waterloo and Seneca.



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The trees are bare and the crops have been harvested along this country lane in Kutztown. Unfortunately, snow will soon cover this pretty fall scene.

WINTRY WEATHER DELAYED THIS YEAR



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The leaves have fallen and the grass is getting brown on the Kutztown farm. The snowfall is coming in on mid and Christmas, not for here before you know it.

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SHOOTING POOL IN THE SANCTUARY

White table tennis up the shot as Conestoga faculty watches in anticipation. The late Conestoga students line to wind down at the Upper Sanctuary before class. Conestoga University has provided free pool games for students. All you have to do is trade your student card for the game and balls at the OHS office.

PHOTO BY BRIGMAN CARTER

Food bank in need of holiday volunteers

By JESSICA WEINBERG

Conestoga College is moving into the home stretch of the fall semester and the holiday break may be a good time to think about volunteering to help others.

The Winter Relief food bank is always looking for volunteers because one of its services typically increases during the holiday winter months.

The food bank's volunteer and volunteers are needed to sort donated items, organize food drives, accept donations over the phone and transport donations from collection sites to the main location.

Church groups and neighborhood can all register for positions and college and university students are welcome to volunteer for day and evening shifts all year.

More information and applications forms can be found at www.thefoodbank.ca

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